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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jamie L. Briesemeister, DOB: 8/24/80, of River Falls, Wisconsin, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Madison to 121 months in federal prison based on her involvement in a large methamphetamine distribution conspiracy. Pursuant to federal law, this sentence will be served without the possibility of parole.

Briesemeister previously pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine with Michelle Nelson, Reanne Taylor, and others. The conspiracy ran from approximately September 2001 to the end of December 2004; Briesemeister was involved as a distributor for the conspiracy from approximately the Fall of 2003 to the end of September 2004. The entire conspiracy involved the distribution of between five and fifteen kilograms of methamphetamine. Briesemeister's conduct involved between 1.5 kilograms and five kilograms of methamphetamine.

Michelle Nelson and Reanne Taylor previously pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge. Taylor will be sentenced on October 2 at 1:00 p.m., and Michelle Nelson will be sentenced on October 6 at 1:00 p.m. Both of them face a mandatory minimum penalty of ten years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison.

United States Attorney Peterson stated that today's sentencing and the prosecution of this case reaffirms the commitment of the U.S. Attorney's Office to work with federal, state, and local law enforcement in joint investigations targeting large-scale methamphetamine dealers in the Western District of Wisconsin. Peterson praised the efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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